

REMARKS

Claims 11-12 are pending. By this Amendment, Claim 11 is amended. Support for the amendments to Claim 11 is provided on page 10, lines 16-19 of the originally filed application. As such, Applicants respectfully submit that no new subject matter is presented herein.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 11-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraph. The claims have been amended in a manner believed to be fully responsive to the rejections. In particular, Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 11 has been amended herein to recite “a retaining ring, wherein the hub is axially secured relative to the shaft by the retaining ring in a position disposed around the shaft while holding the shaft tooth section and the hub tooth section in engagement with each other.” Applicants note the Office Action states the rejections will be overcome by amending the claims as presented above. Since Claims 11 and 12 have been amended in the manner suggested by the Office Action, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections.

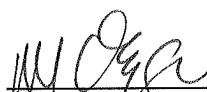
Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application, withdrawal of the outstanding rejections, allowance of Claims 11 and 12, and the prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowability.

Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300, **referencing Attorney Docket Number 025416.00025.**

Respectfully submitted,



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